

ALL EYES ON BERMONDSEY

UNIONIST VICTORY EXPECTED IN CRITICAL ELECTION.

Government Candidate at the Bottom of the Poll. Say British Political Prophets—Goldwin Smith Calls the Tories Obsolete—Superfluous Women.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—A straw which is expected to show which way the political wind will blow in Great Britain for the next few years will be the by-election in Bermondsey on October 28. All the parties are concentrating their efforts in this section of London in one of the hottest campaigns ever known here.

Women are taking the foremost part in the canvass and the harassed electors have already a hunted air which is almost pitiful. Half the population refuse to answer their doorbells, being in fear of the constant stream of canvassers, and many have literally fled. The indications are that the Unionist candidate will be elected, with the Socialist candidate second and the Government candidate at the bottom of the poll.

GOLDWIN SMITH ON THE LORDS.

Prof. Goldwin Smith writes to the Spectator about the crisis in British politics: "The House of Lords, as a hereditary legislative body, is clearly obsolete and must go. The change from a house which sits as the guardian of class interests to one which shall be a national council of legislation is surely necessary and pressing. It ought to be made in a spirit of calm forethought, not in that of party fray."

"Nothing could be less statesmanlike than the proposal of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, which was in fact to keep the hereditary House of Lords in existence, but to make it powerless and an object of contempt. The list of the Privy Counsellors seems to show that you have the right materials for the composition of a house of legislative prudence and revision. You have, besides the heads and representatives of the great professions, scientific, military and naval leaders as well as the heads of great commercial organizations."

Crush the House of Lords and what will be the Government of England, all the colonies and India? After the next election it will be a single House of Parliament, broken probably into a number of discordant sections and including not improbably members elected by the influence of the suffragettes."

SUPERFLUOUS WOMEN.

The most recent estimates by the census statisticians of "superfluous women" in Great Britain in the middle of 1909 place the number at 1,244,556. Women seem to be in the minority in the important centres of industry, such as Devonport, Barrow-in-Furness and the industrial parts of London. The superfluous woman frequents pleasure places, the health resorts on the south coast; Bath, the city of fashion; the royal borough of Kensington, where there are 1,557 women to every 1,000 men, and Bournemouth, where there are 1,709 women to every 1,000 men.

NOT AT ALL SUPERFLUOUS.

A Northumberland widow, claiming money for the loss of her husband under the workmen's compensation act, seems not to belong to the superfluous class. The Judge before whom the case was brought announced that he would hear it in a private room. The newspaper men were shut out. The Judge subsequently explained to the reporters that he thought it undesirable to advertise to the public the fact that a nice looking widow had received a considerable sum of money. The reporters argued that the widow might think she had a grievance at being deprived of advertisement.

"Perhaps so," replied the Judge, "but men might want her money."

WOMAN'S CLUB SECRETS.

Judge Grantham, trying a case in which a lady novelist was bringing an action against her publishers, intervened when counsel had read one of her letters, saying he had missed the most important part. The Judge then read an extract saying:

"I have been staying and still am in the Queen's Club, but will move in a few days to my own flat. There are too much chatter and bustle here, too many suffragettes, and I hate tobacco. It pervades the house. Isn't it horrid? One lady here smokes cigars."

THE KING AND SOME AMERICANS.

Since his return from Scotland the King has spent little time in London. Indeed, Buckingham Palace will not be occupied by royalty until well into November unless a sudden development in the uncertain political situation makes the King's residence in town imperative.

Despite the absence of royalty London is somewhat gayer socially than is usual at this time of the year. Many big houses are open and small dinners and lunches are given.

Consuelo Dowager Duchess of Manchester is one of the week's hostesses. She gave a luncheon on Friday. Mesdames John Wood and A. Drexel were among the guests. Mrs. Ward will return to town next week. Mrs. Reid, her mother, has been her guest lately at Chiltern Lodge.

The Roids are entertaining quietly at the embassy. They have given a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths and several luncheons for visiting Americans.

The Pilgrims are arranging a farewell banquet for Ridgely Carter. Mrs. and Miss Carter will go to Paris for part of the winter and will join Mr. Carter at Bournemouth later.

The Duchess of Marlborough has given several dinners at Sunderland House. Rumors are afloat that she intends to add to the winter's gaiety by giving a cotillion which will be a facsimile of the famous one she gave during the season. She is looking prettier and more animated than at some times. On Thursday she journeyed to Manchester to open the Scottish Home Industries sale, making a graceful opening speech and afterward having largely from the various stalls.

Lady Cooper left town Thursday for Hursley Park, Winchester, where she and Mr. George will entertain many friends for the shooting. Before her departure she gave a dinner to some of her companions.

Mrs. Murray O'Brien has returned to town from Ireland. She intends remaining in London until Christmas.

ORVILLE WRIGHT IN NAPLES.

Examining a New Monoplane Said to Excel Blériot's.

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NAPLES, Oct. 23.—Orville Wright has arrived here, for the purpose, it is understood, of examining a new monoplane constructed by Signor Capone, which it is said is superior to Blériot's machine.

It is likely that Mr. Wright will visit Rome.

AMERICA'S HOLD ON BERLIN.

The Kaiser to Give Eight Meetings for a Portrait for the Metropolitan Museum.

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BERLIN, Oct. 23.—Francis Rose, the Denver girl who sang this week with Caruso in "Carmen," has received many congratulations on her success, the opportunity for which was given by Mme. Destin's illness. No one here believes that Mme. Destin was too ill to appear on the opening night. She is said to be jealous of Caruso, and to feel sore at the disparity in their salaries. Her \$100 nightly certainly looks small beside Caruso's \$1,000. The latter is complaining of the amount of autograph writing he is obliged to do.

Mrs. Fresnoe Green of California has made her debut here as Violetta in "La Traviata" at the Volk's Opera House. She scored a marked success. She has an admirable soprano voice with dramatic talent.

A Berlin paper admits that Germany cannot blame America for adopting a commercial policy favorable to her own industries. She cannot expect America to harm herself for the sake of Germany. It adds: "Alteration of the present state of affairs can only occur when certain new, large American industries themselves feel the need of finding foreign markets."

Among the articles mentioned as likely to have a good reception at the American exposition to be held in Berlin next summer are leather goods, ceramics, goldsmiths' work, and perhaps American silk products. The new manager of the exposition, G. S. Atwood, reports that he is doing well in Hamburg, where he has enlisted several firms.

President Wheeler of the University of California, Roosevelt professor, praising the compact and economical rebuilding of San Francisco, regrets that diagonals have been omitted. He also wishes there had been more time to lecture at the Berlin University on various factors in American life, including the press.

Exchange Prof. Moore's lectures will deal chiefly with religions and their history.

J. W. Riddell, formerly American Ambassador at St. Petersburg, will sail for the United States on the steamer George Washington on November 3. Henry White, the retiring American Ambassador to France, will sail on the same steamer.

Miss Katherine Wright, sister of the aviators, is in Dresden, where she first made the interesting discovery that the "W" on the diamond pin the Kaiser gave to Orville Wright stands for Wilhelm, not Wright, as she thought.

Adolf Mullerbury, the portrait painter, of New York, has arrived to paint a portrait of the Kaiser for the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The Kaiser has consented to give him eight sittings of at least an hour each.

KING MAKING HIMSELF POOR.

Leopold's Way to Disinherit His Daughters Despite Belgian Law.

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BRUSSELS, Oct. 23.—The news of the attempt of the Princess Louise, daughter of King Leopold, to obtain a loan from a Hamburg bank on the security of an inheritance exceeding \$25,000,000 has caused astonishment.

According to the Belgian law King Leopold is unable to disinherit his children. Each is entitled to one-fourth of his fortune, but this right only obtains if the King makes a will. During his lifetime he can dispose of his property as he chooses, and the royal fortune is believed to be diminishing daily owing to gifts to favorites and their endowment.

King Leopold is credited with the intention of leaving nothing to his daughters, but it is believed now that the contemplated sale of the royal picture collection will not occur.

TEA TENT FOR CONNAUGHT.

Duchess of Manchester Gives \$5,000 to Start Temperance Enterprise.

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LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Duchess of Manchester has just subscribed \$5,000 toward the equipment of her tent which will travel to the country fairs and markets throughout Connaught, Ireland, providing the people with good tea and solid food at nominal prices. The idea is to prevent the universal buying of strong drink at these places.

The Duchess has been deeply distressed by the scenes of drunkenness and violence which she sometimes witnessed in passing to and from her castle at Kylemore. She believes the intoxication is due more to lack of food than to any real desire for liquor. Hence she hopes her tea tent will improve matters.

SCENERY HITS WEINGARTNER.

Director of Imperial Opera Co. Has a Leg Broken on the Stage at Vienna.

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VIENNA, Oct. 23.—While Felix Weingartner, the director of the Imperial Opera Company, was conducting a rehearsal of "Die Meistersinger" to-day a portion of the scenery fell and knocked him down, fracturing his left shinbone. He will be incapacitated for a month.

The Ranger Bound for Marblehead.

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HAMILTON, Bermuda, Oct. 23.—The United States training ship Ranger, which arrived here October 19 from Madeira, sailed to-day for Marblehead, Mass.

The Weather.

Oct. 24.—The rain area from the central States west of the Mississippi moved rapidly eastward yesterday with increasing rotary force and expanding rain area. The center yesterday morning was over Ohio and West Virginia, moving eastward; the cloudy and rainy conditions spread over Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, and thence east to the middle of Atlantic and New England coast and north over the lake regions.

The temperature was nearly stationary in the Atlantic States and the Ohio and Tennessee valleys, and it was from four to twenty-two degrees colder in the central States, west of the Mississippi and in Oklahoma and Texas, with temperatures below freezing in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah.

In this city the day was cloudy and showery; thunderstorm at night, average humidity 74 per cent; wind fresh westerly and shifting to southerly; stationary temperature; barometer, corrected to read sea level, at 8 A. M., 29.96; 3 P. M., 29.81; 10 P. M., 29.74; at 12 M. 29.68; at 10 P. M. 29.61.

For western New York and western Pennsylvania, threatening and continued cool day; fair, with rising temperature to-morrow, diminishing northerly winds by to-night.

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WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

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DUMA WON'T SAVE THE FINNS

STOLYPIN'S POLICY OF RUSSIANIZATION WILL BE UPHOLD.

Regarded as Necessary to Restoration of Empire's Military Prestige—Revenge for Support Given to Terrorists—Czar Sidesteps Court Overruled.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 23.—The Duma opened to-day. The Finnish question overshadows the legislative programme. The Finns have been insisting upon presenting their case directly to the Czar as Grand Duke of Finland, denying the right of the Stolypin Cabinet to mix in their affairs. One of the last political visitors at Livadia before the Czar's departure for Italy was M. Langhoff, Finnish Secretary of State, who took back to Helsingfors the decision that the imperial government had been empowered to carry out the Czar's intention.

The Czar himself has cut the Gordian knot as regards the right of the Finns to deal with him personally by going abroad out of reach of any petition at the time when his Russian troops are occupying Finland's Province of Viborg, which is to become a Russian province in 1910. Premier Stolypin's first step has been to place the police and the executive services in Viborg under the control of the commander of the St. Petersburg military circumscription.

Russia's present Finnish policy is founded on considerations of military strategy. The coast line from Viborg around the Gulf of Bothnia and the Baltic Sea has been converted during the last six weeks from a region of cottage residences into depot encampments, and preparations are being made for the construction of fortifications.

As the Russian fleet approaches reconstruction it is expected that this policy of Russification will be extended toward Helsingfors and Sveaborg. The Czar's military advisers justify the occupation of Finland as necessary before Russia can reacquire military authority in Europe or even control the Gulf of Finland.

The relation of the Duma to the Finnish crisis rests upon the Duma's right to examine new financial arrangements negotiated by the administration of the province of Viborg. Eventually, should Finland be merged politically with Russia, she will send five or six members to the Duma, but before that a stubborn resistance by the Finns is certain. Many in Russia believe that the Finnish Diet will not be elected again.

It must be recognized that Russian sympathy with the Finns has much abated since the assassination of Gov. Dobroff five years ago. Finland has since been too closely identified with the record of Russia's revolutionary failure. Premier Stolypin's present severity is doubtless influenced by the hostility of the Finnish authorities.

During his fight with the Terrorists their agents used to find comparative immunity over the Finnish frontier. The Finnish courts refused to recognize Russian search warrants or to permit arrests on suspicion. The policy now applied to Finland, apart from military purposes, is doubtless actuated by revenge.

A majority of the Duma may be depended upon to support M. Stolypin. The public meanwhile expects to hear at any moment of collisions between Finnish volunteers and the Cossack patrols in Viborg.

The hearing in the case of Dr. Dubrovnik and others charged with complicity in the murder of Deputy Herzenstein in Finland three years ago, which was adjourned from September 23, was resumed yesterday at Helsingfors. Dr. Dubrovnik has refused to appear at the various sessions of the court on the ground that he is not amenable to Finnish law, and the court at its last session while acquitting the doctor of complicity in the murder requested the Governor of Viborg to secure his presence at yesterday's hearing.

When the session of the court opened a communication was read from the Russian Minister of Justice finally refusing to compel Dr. Dubrovnik to appear because of the insufficiency of the evidence against him in connection with the murder.

PANAMA DIGGING HALF DONE.

Two-thirds of the Canal Construction Completed. The Culbrea Task.

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COLON, Oct. 23.—The end of the day's work on the Canal Zone yesterday marked the completion of just half the work which the American Administration must do to open the Panama Canal for ships.

This work added to that done by the French completes two-thirds of the canal construction and to-day the entire Zone is informally celebrating this important milestone in the work.

The excavation record in round numbers is: Excavated by the French, 85,000,000 cubic yards; excavated by the Americans, 87,000,000 cubic yards; remaining to be excavated, 87,000,000 cubic yards.

The French began to dig in 1882 and turned the canal over to the Americans in 1904. They actually worked here about eighteen years, although not over half that time with a full force. The Americans have been here a few days less than five years and a half and have been working with a full force a little over three years.

This is the way the record reads by years:

Year. Cubic yards.
1901, from May 4..... 243,472
1902..... 1,100,000
1903..... 3,948,197
1904..... 12,765,290
1905..... 27,079,847
1906, to September 30..... 27,341,653

The greatest part of the excavation remaining is in Culbrea cut, where fifty steam shovels are working while fifty trains are hauling to the dumping grounds. As the lower levels are reached and the rock becomes harder the monthly output must become less.

BARONESS FLIES AGAIN.

Goes More Than Three and a Half Miles—Winning at Juvisy.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Oct. 23.—The Baroness de Laroche, the first woman aviator, made her second flight to-day, when she flew six kilometers, or about three and one-half miles. She used a Voisin biplane.

Count Lambert's winnings at the Juvisy aviation meeting were 38,317 francs (\$7,299.49). Gobron won 4,325 francs (\$879) and Kregi 3,267 francs (\$641.49).

DEATH OF E. E. PEACOCK.

Secretary of the Savage Club Succumbs After an Operation.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Edward Elton Peacock, manager of the Morning Post and secretary of the Savage Club, died this morning after an operation.

Mr. Peacock, who was born in 1850, was a fellow of the Institute of Journalists and managing director of the East of England Newspaper Company, Ltd.

MRS. BENNER SEEKS DIVORCE.

Former U. S. Senator Van Wyck's Daughter Alleges Non-support.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 23.—Mrs. Happy Theodora Benner of New York, daughter of former United States Senator Van Wyck of Nebraska, has filed suit here for a divorce from her husband, Fernando W. Benner, president of the Fernando W. Benner Company, real estate, of 49 Liberty street, New York. Non-support is given as the main cause.

Mrs. Benner charges that while Mr. Benner had a good income he spent it selfishly and induced her to part with a considerable portion of her own fortune. He showed "coldness and a lack of affection," which finally forced her to leave him and apply for a divorce, she says. She asks the custody of the one child, a boy of six, now in New York.

Mrs. Benner was born in Washington while her father was Senator. Most of her life was spent in Nebraska. She made her debut in Washington, and eight years ago her engagement was announced, the marriage to take place in Washington.

While the minister was about to perform the ceremony Miss Van Wyck suddenly turned and fled down the aisle of the church, to the consternation of those gathered for the marriage. She refused an explanation, and her reasons for breaking the engagement at so late an hour were never revealed.

Soon afterward she married Mr. Benner. She has spent the time since then traveling in this country and in Europe. No contest of her divorce action is expected.

VERY EASY FOR TOURISTS.

Mr. Loeb Writes to Berlin That Only Smugglers Need Fear His Inquisition.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—Mr. Loeb, Collector of the Port of New York, tells a Berlin friend that the trouble at that port for returning Americans who honestly declare the nature of their goods was never so small as now and the trouble for a smuggler was never greater.

He adds that a lady with a couple of Saratoga trunks is quite safe from all annoyance if she makes due declaration. She is not so sure of escaping if she has six or eight trunks evidently of European manufacture.

He says it is useless to try to conceal the existence of small articles of great value, especially jewelry. The sales of such articles are usually notified to customs through the consular authorities, to whom nearly always are reported such sales by the sellers.

THE NEW SPANISH POLICY.

Pacification and Liberty With Thorough Work at Melilla.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

MADRID, Oct. 23.—At the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting yesterday a note was issued to the press announcing the intention of the Government to pursue a broad policy of pacification and liberty.

The note added that the army in Melilla will receive everything necessary for the accomplishment of its mission.

Andrew Carnegie Homeward Bound.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LIVERTON, Oct. 23.—Andrew Carnegie sailed for home to-day on the White Star liner Baltic.

UNANIMOUS ELECTION.

Only the Diaz Candidate Permitted to Run for Governor of Coahuila, Mexico.

SALTILLO, Mexico, Oct. 23.—The election for Governor of the State of Coahuila will take place to-morrow. It is customary to hold elections on Sunday in Mexico.

The followers of Gen. Bernardo Reyes were not permitted to put up a candidate for the office, and the only man in the race is Jesus De Valle, a strong Diaz-Corral supporter.

Extraordinary precautions to prevent rioting have been taken. The military will be in full control of the situation.

Faversham Has Trouble With His Vocal Cords.

ALBANY, Oct. 23.—William Faversham, who opened his new "Herald" production at Harman's Bleecker Hall here on Thursday night, had a nervous breakdown of his vocal cords after the matinee to-day and was unable to go on with his night performance. A big crowd was disappointed. Faversham is booked to open at the Lyric Tuesday night, and his physician, Dr. Holbrook Curtis, says he will be all right then. The "Herald" production made a tremendous hit here.

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